

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Medical Scholarships

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Bonded Medical Places (BMP): What is the current buy out rate of the Bonded Medical Places Program and why has the government decided to roll back the program?

Answer:

The best available information indicates that between 2004 and 2015, the average repaid by Bonded Medical Places participants who chose not to complete their return of service obligation was \$40,941.42.

The Government is not rolling back the BMP Scheme. The number of BMP places will increase from 2016 and there will be a change to the return of service obligation.